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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on hens and toms. Offerings were light to fully adequate, most available in the Central region. No trading reported on whole turkeys. Supplies of fresh tom breast meat were more available and the market tone was steady. Tom drums and thigh meat were barely steady, 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey about steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was spotty. Increased inquiries were noted on product for prompt shipment to Mexico.

\*\*\*Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.\*\*\*

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8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	JAN
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	JAN
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	95-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	95-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-103

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 11-JAN-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.26	68	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.26	68	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		110		

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Dec-98  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	918	-11	21.00	NONE	NONE	918	21.00
S ATL	390	-34	26.03	(A)	(A)	396	26.01
N CENT	1,511	-16	29.33	(A)	(A)	1,519	29.30
S CENT	415	-9	15.91	NONE	NONE	415	15.91
WEST	542	43	24.13	(A)	(A)	551	24.18
U.S.TOTAL	3,776(B)	-11	24.74	0	23	3,799	24.75
TO DATE							
1998	258,953(B)			72	1,896	260,921	
TO DATE							
1997	271,080(B)			78	1,764	272,922	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 1,000 for the year 1,096,000; last year to date 1,129,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 26-Dec-98

	<u>FRYER- ROASTERS</u>	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	0	3,776	23	3,799
AVG WT	0.00	24.74	25.13	24.75
LAST WEEK	0	4,236	35	4,271
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	2,526	23	2,549
AVG WT	0.00	22.18(A)	20.74	22.17
TO-DATE/1998	72	258,953(A)	1,896	260,921
TO-DATE/1997	78	271,080(A)	1,764	272,922

(A) Includes 1,096,000 young banded breeders in 1998 and 1,129,000 in 1997.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 26-Dec-98FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 542 HD, 13,080 LBS,  
TO DATE 17,286 HD, 404,433 LBS; OLD 9 HD,  
TO DATE 293 HD; TOTAL 551 HD, TO DATE 17,579 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER, 1998	432,263 *
DECEMBER 1-26, 1998	394,638 *
To date 1998	5,170,821 *
To date 1997	6,594,023 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 JANUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to weak on tom drums and tom full-cut wings. Trade sentiment steady on tom 2-joint wings with instances of increased confidence noted with offerings better balanced when compared to previous weeks, necks steady. Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Undertone mixed on 4-8 lb. breasts ranging from barely steady to fully steady with private labels strongest. Trading light on Grade A 3% breasts 100.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.45	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH	123.00		123.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE		T	92.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	41.00	18
NECKS, TOM		W	22.75	80
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.50	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH	170.00		170.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	100.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	90.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	107.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	116.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	60.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH		W	14.50	80

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMs	19.50-21.00		19.74	250
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-25.25		25.16	248
TAILS	17.00		17.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 JANUARY 1999.

Fresh tom breast meat undertone steady with increased offers noted and lower buyer bids meeting seller resistance. Trade sentiment steady to weak on frozen thigh meat. Offerings readily available. Tom drum and tom full-cut wing offerings adequate to ample. Open priced trading heavy for January-December, 1999 on wing meat with skin, fresh tom breast meat and fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trading heavy with a floor of 126 and 146 cent ceiling delivered February-April, 1999. For export (light volumes): tom wings 21, hen 2-joint wings 39.50 and tom defatted gizzards 67 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.45	220	95.45	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	123.00	240	123.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	86.00-90.00		87.00	800	87.09	814
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.60	144	21.48	188
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00-23.00		22.00	120	22.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	40	26.36	122
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	51	21.50	102
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	40	24.55	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	90	25.00	90
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00		38.00	9	40.00	27
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.22	74	22.53	158
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	12	19.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	16	165.48	416
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00		169.00	40	168.25	320
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	4	61.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	40	66.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	79.00		79.00	31	79.00	31
SCAPULA MEAT		F	90.00	40		
TENDERLOINS		F	107.00	12		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	116.00	40	116.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00-60.00	58.67	120	59.00	160	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.50	80	14.68	280

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DRUMSTICKS, TOMs		R	19.74	250	20.13	302
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.16	248	24.59	664
TAILS	20.75		20.75	40	19.35	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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